Dear Mr. Stout, 3/13/84

I do appreciate your letter of the 9th and I thank you for it.

I do intend further publishing but my age and impaired health make laying a schedule out impossible. So also does the time the government succeeds in wasting for me in the FOIA litigation it always stonewalls. However, we maintain a mailing list and when we do publish we'll notify you.

Howard Roffman is removed from me only by great geographical distance. He has become a very successful California lawyer. He is general counsel for Lucas films, and that keeps him very busy. So busy that I think it unlikely that he'll ever be able to spend any more time on the JFK assassination.

I've not heard of an available set of the 26 in years and the few I've heard of brought $1000 or so.

Because you are in graphics, perhaps you can answer some questions for me. I plan for my next book to be on the King assassination and the FBI's investigation of it. But I am not now able to drive out of the immediate Frederick area and I never will be. I can ride somewhat better, but even a trip to Washington, an hour each way, wears me out when I am only a passenger. So I can't go to Washington or Baltimore in search of a nearby printer who can print well and economically. Banta did my last book and I am quite satisfied, but they are quite distant and I then was able to be present and supervise the shooting of the negatives in Washington.

I've not kept up with the economics but I presume that the Cameron belt or some similar press is less costly that offset. If I am correct in this, and I guess even if I am not, I'd like to know if you know of any good and dependable printers in the Baltimore or Washington areas who can do a good job without excessive costs. My experience with the perfect binding Banta did is quite good and I'd use it again. The book may be as thick as Post Mortem because I want to use a very large appendix of facsimiles of FBI reports.

Or, do you know someone in either city who can do a good and inexpensive job of shooting the negatives alone?

Aside from the fruit of my own investigation I've gotten more than 60,000 King/Ray pages from the FBI in a 1975 FOIA case that is still in court!

I might want to reduce the reduction slightly. If you can make any suggestions on this I'd appreciate it. Over the years a few older people have complained of difficulty in reading. I am aware that even a slight reduction means increased costs because it means fewer untis per line and fewer lines per page.

If you can help. thanks.

Best wishes,